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Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Office Action dated January 13, 2003 be extended for a period of two month(s) from July 7, 2003 to and including September 8, 2003 (September 7, 2003 being a Sunday).

The fee for this extension is estimated to be \$410.00. Please charge the required fee to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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